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SUBJECT: COMBAT METH EPIDEMIC ACT: ROKG PARTICIPATES IN
INCB PRE-NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

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1. (U) Per reftel request, Poloff confirmed that the Republic of Korea Government (ROKG) reported their 2006 legitimate domestic requirements for the licit use of ephedrine and psuedoephedrine to the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) through the ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The 2006 annual estimates for licit requirements are 15,950 Kg of ephedrine and 32,500 Kg of psuedoephedrine. Hong Soon-wook, Director of the Narcotics Control Team of the Korean Food and Drug Administration (KFDA), advised poloff that as a "Group 1 Raw Substance," the KFDA must approve all exports of psuedoephedrine. As part of the export approval process, Hong verified that the KFDA transmits a pre-export notification to the INCB and to the importer.
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